

DYNAMITE EXPLODES; MAN FATALLY HURT

Stick of Explosive Went Off in Negro's Hand—Arm Blown Off—Boat Splintered.

REVIVAL IN SKATING RINK

Great Crowds Are Attending Exercises—Memorial Services to Be Held June 5th.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., May 6.—Adam Scott, a young negro workman, of this city, was fatally injured Saturday night while dynamiting fish in the Appomattox River at a point near Rushmore, and died while being brought to the city during the night.

According to the testimony of witnesses at the inquest held by Coroner H. G. Leigh, Scott and James Stewart, colored, both of whom were laborers, and were employed for city work under Mr. Edward J. Brockwell, went down the river in a rowboat with Mr. Brockwell and Mr. Cleora Brennan, who is employed at the Westover Cafe, about 3 o'clock Saturday, their boat being towed by a gasoline launch, in which were Messrs. Guy R. Chappell, John McNamora and Caesar Winfree, all of this city. Scott had been doing some blasting in his work, and during the trip threw several lighted dynamite sticks into the river, the explosion bringing a number of fish to the surface. After landing near Rushmore, and while the rest of the party were preparing supper, Brockwell and Chappell returned to the rowboat with Scott and proceeded to the mouth of a creek about two hundred yards distant.

Terrific Explosion.

Finding the creek too shallow for their purpose they put back into the river, where Scott asked Brockwell for a lead pencil to lead a stick of dynamite. In a minute a tremendous explosion blew the boat to pieces near the river bank, which Chappell reached safely, but only for a moment, as Brockwell was calling for assistance. Brockwell was thrown into the air, and the negro and caught him just as he reached the bottom.

Assistance was secured at the neighboring residence of Mr. Charles Miller, and the party returned to Petersburg by Mr. Miller. Scott spoke once or twice during the trip, but was dead when the city was reached. The right side of his face was mutilated, his right hand blown off and the right leg badly injured. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that death resulted from shock and hemorrhage, caused by the accidental explosion of dynamite. Messrs. Brockwell and Chappell made a miraculous escape from serious injury. Mr. Chappell has been deaf ever since the explosion.

Revival in Skating Rink.

Approximately two thousand persons attended the union evangelistic services at the Washington Street Skating Rink last night. The revival, which has been going on for two weeks, of Rev. George C. Cates' work in this city. At the morning services Mr. Cates addressed a big congregation, composed of the children of many Sunday-schools in the city, who attended in a body. The meeting was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ladies' Memorial Association has decided to hold the annual Memorial Day services on the 5th of June this year, instead of the 9th, because of the presence of the veterans attending the Richmond Reunion.

MARRIED AGAIN.

Woman Twice Divorced from Same Man Now Weds Another.

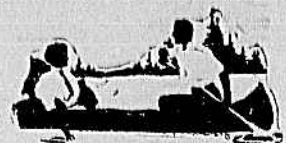
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., May 6.—A woman twice divorced from the same husband, Mrs. Bettie Thacker Boswell, daughter of Mrs. B. L. Thacker, of this city, and former wife of J. L. Boswell, a harness-maker, of this city, will try wedded life again. She was united in marriage at Pellham, N. C., the famous Gracie Green of this section, to Philip Patterson, yesterday.

The woman was first married to Boswell in 1885 in Danville, but after a short time sued for a divorce on the grounds of desertion. After a brief courtship, in which Boswell made promises to be a better husband if given another chance, she again became his bride in Richmond in 1895, later removing to this city. Another divorce was granted at the January term of the Corporation Court.

DICKSON WILL RETURN.

Went Away, He Writes, to Avoid the Notoriety.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 6.—Letters have been received here by employees of Robert S. Dickson, who has accused the late William H. Dempsey, in which he states that he left Fredericksburg on account of the notoriety forced upon him by the accusation, as he became an object of curiosity to the public. He found distasteful and embarrassing. He gave instructions to the conduct of his business here, asserts his innocence, and charges that the whole matter is trumped up with the object of getting money out of him. He says as soon as he is



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exonerated by the court, which should be in a short time, as he is entirely innocent, and there is no evidence against him, he will return to his family. These letters have been turned over to the father of Dickson, and he has turned them into the hands of Dickson's attorneys. As the matter now stands the only thing against Dickson here is the civil suit for \$5,000 damages brought by W. L. Dempsey in the Corporation Court.

LADY FOUND DEAD.

Was in Usual Health Few Hours Before She Expired.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 6.—Mrs. Leslie T. Kearley, of this city, was found dead in her room yesterday afternoon. She was in her usual health Sunday morning, but not appearing later in the day, a friend went to her room. She was found lying on the bed dressed for church, with a prayer-book by her side. Heart disease was the cause of her death. Mrs. Kearley was seventy-six years old, and a sister of Rev. John H. Thompson, who has for fifty years been a missionary in China, and is now archdeacon of China. She also survived by three nephews, none of whom reside here.

NAMES COLONEL COLE.

Will Be Member of General Bolling's Staff for Parade.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 6.—Colonel E. D. Cole, of this city, has been appointed by General 8th Bolling, chief marshal of the parade, to be a member of the grand parade at the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond June 3d.

Congressman W. A. Jones has returned to his home in the Northern Neck from a trip to Cuba, taken for the benefit of his health, and will be greatly benefited. Herring and Hale of Prince William county, have sold to a party in New York a pair of handsome horses for \$1,600.

AFTER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS.

William K. Hicks, Brother of Ira Hicks, Home Again.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., May 6.—William K. Hicks, of Big Sandy, in West Tennessee, is visiting the scenes of his childhood here and in this county. He is a native of Sullivan county, Tenn., and is a brother of Ira R. Hicks, the weather prophet, and was greatly benefited. Hicks and his wife, Mrs. Hicks, and Professor Dick Garner, the noted student of the monkey language, who spends much of his time in the jungles of Africa, were all born and reared in this county, near the town of Blountville. William K. Hicks left this county fifty-five years ago, and this is his first time to return. He has been all the while at Paris and Big Sandy, Tenn., and during one of Cleveland's terms as President served as postmaster at Big Sandy.

MANY MORE VOTERS.

Political Interest in Alexandria Causes Heavy Registration.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 6.—The number of registered voters polled in this city which the books closed Saturday night was 1,843, a big increase over any previous year. In the county only 700 paid their capitation tax, which is also a big increase. The majority of those who have paid their tax will, it is expected, participate in the congressional primary.

KICKS COUPLING.

Young Railroad Man Has Foot Crushed to Jelly.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GREENSBORO, N. C., May 6.—Charles Alexander, an employee of the Southern Railway, while kicking a coupling of two cars together with his foot got it caught by the dog bars closing together. The foot was crushed to jelly, necessitating amputation. Latest reports from the hospital are not reassuring as to his condition.

MANY DISFRANCHISED; POIL TAX NOT PAID

About Half of Lynchburg's Voting Population Thus Debarred.

FEW NEGROES CAN VOTE

Less Than Five Hundred in Entire City on Registration Books.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 6.—As the result of their failure to pay poll taxes assessed against them on or before last Saturday evening, 2,498 persons in Lynchburg will be debarred from taking part in the election next fall. Many of these, of course, would also be disfranchised under other provisions of the Constitution of the State, but if they were otherwise qualified they could not vote because of their failure to pay their capitations six months prior to the election. When the office of City Treasurer Adams closed Saturday evening, 2,305 whites and 417 negroes, making a total of 2,722, paid their taxes due under the assessment for 1906. The total number assessed was 5,240.

Last year the number who paid their capitations six months before the date for the election were 2,602 whites and 412 negroes, a total of 2,534. This shows an increase of 208 this year over 1906.

Dr. Barr Comes in June.

Rev. Dr. William A. Barr, of Norfolk, who recently accepted the call of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, of this city, to become its rector on July 1st, has advised the vestry of the church that he has perfected arrangements that will permit him to take up his work in June, instead of July 1st, as was originally intended.

Dr. Barr writes that he will go to the annual meeting of the council of the church at Staunton, which meets on May 26th, and that he will come here upon the adjournment of that body.

KING GETS TEN YEARS.

White Man Convicted on Charge of Burglary.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FRONT ROYAL, VA., May 6.—The first case on docket in the regular term of the Circuit Court, Judge Thomas W. Harrison presiding, was the Commonwealth vs. Frank King (white), for burglary. The store of W. E. Lake, at Happy Creek, Va., was entered on the night of March 12th and King was detected and resisted the entrance of Messrs. Lake and Lacey. King fired a shotgun at Mr. Lake, but before he could offer further resistance he was subdued. King was sentenced to ten years imprisonment. The next case on docket is Commonwealth vs. Branch Henry, for the murder of his son, Dent Henry, on October 22d last during a drunken row.

POLITICAL FIGHTS.

Chairman Wilson, of Board of Supervisors, Out for Senate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHATHAM, VA., May 6.—The political fight for both branches of the General Assembly, from Pittsylvania county is warming up. A number of candidates have begun their canvasses. Supervisor W. T. Wilson, of Dan River District, and for several years chairman of the Board of Supervisors, has announced formally his candidacy for Senator from Pittsylvania, and says that he is the right man for the job, and is very much in favor of a primary.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the lower branch of the General Assembly during the session of 1897-'98. In 1899 he was elected to the Board of Supervisors from his home district, and was similarly honored four years later.

INCREASE LIQUOR TAX.

Aldermen Concur in Making It \$250.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., May 6.—The Board of Aldermen this afternoon concurred unanimously in the Council's passage of a second city home tax ordinance, increasing the tax of liquor dealers from \$125 to \$250, and lowering the tax on peddlers from \$50 to \$25. This is to be paid on each vehicle used for peddling purposes. These were the most important changes made by the Council after the Mayor's veto of the first measure.

Aldermen defeated a motion to make the liquor tax \$1,000 this afternoon by a vote of six to two.

KEEPS ON MARRYING.

Bristol Parson Does Not Let Sickness Interfere.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., May 6.—Although the Rev. A. H. Burroughs, the wizard parson of Bristol, who has been sick since the death of his wife, did not lack for business at his Mecca. It was carnival week among the young people of Virginia who had determined on eloping to the Gréta Green. Parson Burroughs married twelve couples during the week, including two double weddings. The veteran marrying parson, at the present rate, will, before many months, have married 3,000 couples. He passed the 2,000 mark some time ago.

WANT SUNDAY TRAINS.

People of Winchester Will Get to Work at Once.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., May 6.—President W. H. Baker, of the City Council, who was chairman of a recent mass-meeting held to agitate the matter of Sunday passenger trains in and out of Winchester, to-day appointed committees which will endeavor to bring influence to bear on the Baltimore and Ohio and the Cumberland Valley roads, to accomplish the object of the meeting.

Both roads were asked to run Sunday trains regularly, and the Baltimore and Ohio in particular will be petitioned to improve its present service.

BREAKS ARM AT FUNERAL.

Lady Tripped by Tall Grass and Is Thrown Heavily.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 6.—Mrs. George W. Shepherd, Sr., while at the funeral of Mrs. Bettie C. Lacy, in the City Cemetery here last evening, caught her foot in some long grass, fell, resulting in the breaking of her right arm. She was taken home in a carriage, a physician summoned and she is now doing well.

Gets Distillery License.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHATHAM, VA., May 6.—The Dry Fork Distillery Company, located four

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"I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills about four years ago, after I had been suffering for some years from dizzy spells and nervousness, which were brought on by overwork. I tried several medicines without help and all the time became more irritable, nervous and weak. At times I had no appetite and could not eat anything. At intervals of every two or three days, my heart seemed to rise up in my throat and I would have to lie down until the feeling passed away. I also had dull aches in the back of my head and in my arms my back. When I looked up I would see black spots. Occasionally I would become so dizzy that I had to steady myself to keep from falling.

"I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and after I had taken them a short time the dizzy spells became less frequent and finally stopped. Much sooner than I had expected or hoped I was entirely well and I now feel like a new person altogether.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are adapted for diseases due to impure blood and shattered nerves. They are invaluable in anaemia, rheumatism, after-effects of the grip and fever and in such headaches, dizziness, nervousness, neuralgia, and even partial paralysis and locomotor ataxia.

A valuable booklet entitled "Plain Talk to Women" will be sent free, in a sealed envelope upon request, to any woman interested.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box, six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

miles south of this place, was on Friday afternoon graded and placed after one of the most rapid construction of the Anti-Saloon League in this county. Fifteen applicants are now on the docket for a license to sell beer, which will be held at noon to-day.

Mrs. M. B. Govey has returned from a lengthy visit to relatives in Essex County, N. Y.

Mrs. W. A. Woodruff was the guest of Mrs. S. E. Terry last week.

ALEXANDRIA READY.

Post F Meets and Prepares to Receive the Visitors.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 6.—At a meeting of Post F of the Travelers' Protective Association to-night all plans were completed for the entertainment of the delegates to the sixteenth annual convention, which convenes here Friday for a two-day session.

The entertainment of the visitors will be one of the most elaborate affairs ever tendered a convention in this city. The convention, which will be attended by 250 delegates, will be held in the Opera House.

Alexandria will greet the visitors with open arms, and exceedingly low rates have been secured from the hotels and boarding-houses. The program as adopted to-night is as follows:

Convention convenes at 10 A. M. by Mr. J. V. Williams. Address of welcome by Mayor Fred. J. Paff. Response to welcome, President C. E. Herbert, of Norfolk. Organization of convention and reports of committees and officers. Adjournment of convention until 7 P. M.

7 P. M.—Visit to points of interest, followed by reception and buffet luncheon. 7:20 P. M.—Theatre party, Washington. 11 P. M.—Reception and buffet luncheon.

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH.

Convention convenes at 9 A. M. Election of officers and adoption of resolutions. Committee on next place of meeting. 1:30 P. M.—Trolley trips to tomb of George Washington, Mount Vernon and home of Robert E. Lee, Arlington. Adjournment.

MANY CANDIDATES.

Retirement of Captain Patteson Complicates Political Matters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BUCKINGHAM, VA., May 6.—The announcement that Captain Cam Patterson would not run for the State Senate again came as a surprise to his friends here, although it was known that his health was failing. Captain Patterson has been elected to re-enter the race here gives this as his reason for so doing. Judge A. S. Hall and Judge J. R. Moss are opposing candidates for the Democratic nomination for the Legislature. The Republicans have nominated a Mr. Phippen, of Cumberland and P. A. Grigs are out in a card, declaring themselves to be independent candidates for the position of sheriff and deputy sheriff. Mr. McCaw is now a deputy for Mr. Wm. Williams, sheriff, and Mr. Grigs is chairman of the board of supervisors. The Democratic party will elect the ticket they put in the field by the usual majority.

The Democratic candidates for Senate and Legislature will be called on to declare themselves on the liquor question.

Two Boys Get Bail.

Lads Charged With Murder of Negro Woman.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., May 6.—In the Corporation Court to-day Judge A. M. Alken, presiding, Joe Baugh and John Talbott, two of the white boys charged with the murder of Ellen Elliott, a negro woman, were granted bail in sum of a \$1,000 each, and released from custody until the June term of court. Tom Walker and Oscar Neathery, the other two boys, were unable to furnish the bond required. The boys will enter a plea of self-defense.

Drops Dead While Plowing

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 6.—Daniel Lewis, of Northumberland county, while plowing on his farm a few days ago, dropped dead. He was seventy-six years old, and is survived by his widow and a number of children.

Popular Young Lady of South Boston Has Appendicitis.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SOUTH BOSTON, VA., May 6.—Miss Rosalie Derrick, of Paces, Va., was successfully operated on for appendicitis at the home of Mr. Charles Levenson, at this place, late yesterday afternoon by Dr. Irving of Danville, and Dr. J. R. Grigs, of this place.

Miss Derrick is an attractive daughter of Mr. H. S. Derrick, of Paces, and has a large number of friends here.

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MEETING OF GREAT HARMONY

Every One Expressed Purpose to Do What He Could to Make Reproduction a Success.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., May 6.—Plans for the reproduction of the Battle of the Crater, on July 30th, as formulated by the Chamber of Commerce committee on that subject, were unanimously indorsed at a meeting of the public and members of A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans at A. P. Hill Camp Hall to-night. The proposition had already received the hearty indorsement of A. P. Hill Camp of Veterans and Sons of Veterans, and received equally enthusiastic approval to-night when presented by Charles Hall Davis, vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, who was called on by President A. P. Hill, chairman of the committee, to explain the big plan in its entirety, which, as previously stated in The Times-Dispatch, includes the presence of President Roosevelt, Governor Swanson, General Frederick D. Grant, President Harry St. George Tucker, of the Chamber of Commerce, and the participation in the reproduction of the fight of as many camps of Confederate veterans, G. A. R. posts and Federal and State troops as can possibly be present.

The big scheme took definite form to-night, and it was not only the efforts and influence of the Confederate camps and the Chamber of Commerce, but the individual energy of many of the most successful and influential business men in the city.

Raise Considerable Sum.

From ten to twenty thousand dollars is to be raised for the purpose of the City Council will be asked to-morrow afternoon to appropriate \$5,000, and at least \$1,000 is to be guaranteed by the Chamber of Commerce, the balance to be secured by public and private subscription, from houses, corporations and citizens generally. Charles Hall Davis read to the meeting to-night a summary of the plans, setting forth in concise and comprehensive form the purposes, scope and proposed organization of workers. Mr. Davis laid special stress on the probability of the establishment of a national battlefield park to include the many forts and battlefields around Petersburg, and only the eminent fitness of the locality could be actually seen by such a crowd of government officers, army men and Union and Confederate veterans, who were in the city to-night.

This feature met with special approval, and after a general discussion of the proposition, which was brief, seconded by R. P. Davis, formerly commander of A. P. Hill Camp; Rev. R. W. Barnwell, commander of A. P. Hill Camp, Sons of Veterans; General Fifth Bolling, commander of Virginia Division, United Confederate Veterans; Richard H. Mann, Dr. C. Powell, A. D. Rodgers, State Senator Charles Levenson, and Saml. Zimmerman, Sr., Captain Carter R. Bishop, Robert Cabaniss, and others, the report of plans read by C. P. Davis was adopted by a rising vote, and Mr. Davis was elected chairman of the committee on arrangements, which consists of three representatives each from A. P. Hill Camp of Veterans and Sons of Veterans, the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Aldermen and City Council.

The Committees.

A prepared list of committees was read, including the following: Finance committee, chairman, George Cameron, Jr.; on securing land, George S. Bernard, chairman; entertainment committee, Dr. W. E. Harwood, chairman; to appear before council, Simon Seaward, chairman; securities and badges, T. S. Beckwith, chairman; quarters and employees, H. P. Stratton, decorations, Edward Eigenbrun; transportation, Homer Atkinson; invitations, Carter R. Bishop; incorporation of Battlefield Park Association, M. C. Jackson; horses and carriages, R. A. Martin, Jr.; Charles Hall Davis, R. B. Davis and R. H. Mann are the chairman of the committees to wait on President Roosevelt; Governor Swanson and President Tucker, of the Jamestown Exposition. On motion of C. H. Davis, the whole meeting constituted itself a committee to appear before the City Council to-morrow night in behalf of an appropriation for the plans.

JURY OF LAWYERS.

Every Juror Was Lawyer and Plaintiff Gets Heavy Damages.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ALEXANDRIA, VA., May 6.—Seven lawyers composed a jury in the Circuit Court for this city this morning that awarded a verdict—which was practically a compromise—of \$3,500 to J. Harry Simpson, administrator of John B. West, who was killed while working for the Southern Railway Company, January 15th last. Some time ago Mr. Simpson, as administrator, entered suit to recover damages in the sum of \$5,000.

This is the first time in the history of the local courts that a jury has been composed exclusively of lawyers, and the affair created considerable comment.

FIRST ILLNESS FATAL.

Mrs. De Jarrette Was Sick Only Once in Seventy-Eight Years.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., May 6.—After having lived seventy-eight years without an attack of illness, except her last, Mrs. Margaret De Jarrette died this morning at her home, No. 234 Fairfax Avenue. She died of meningitis, which seized her last Saturday.

She was the widow of Robert E. De Jarrette, and had lived here for thirty-four years, having come here from Caroline county, Va. She was well known here, and beloved by many friends. She is survived by one son, J. W. De Jarrette, of Norfolk.

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THE SUSPENSE WAS AWFUL

Throng of People on Ground Turn Their Faces Away to Avoid Sickening Sight.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., May 6.—Fire, starting at 10:45 o'clock this morning, practically destroyed the big five-story furniture store of John S. Crawford, on High Street, Portsmouth. A throng of people in the street witnessed the marvelous escape of William C. Banks, an employee of the store.

The fire started in the front of the fourth story, and Mr. Banks attempted to extinguish it, but the light goods kept on that floor burned like tinder, and before he could escape the flames and heavy volumes of smoke poured from the front windows, conning Mr. Banks, his only alternative being a leap from the fourth-story window, with a brick pavement forty feet below.

There was no time for hesitation, however, and Banks was seen crawling through the open window, fire and smoke making a background.

Look of Agony.

With a look of agony on his face, he measured the distance to the next window, that being his only hope, and then dropped. The crowd in the streets held its breath, and as Banks' body shot through space many turned their heads to avoid the horrible sight, but an instant later there was a yell from the crowd, as Banks, with a doubling of his body, shot his feet catching through the big